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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above-captioned application, please amend the  
application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows (a marked up copy of the amended  
specification is attached to this Amendment):

**Please replace the paragraph on page 8, lines 10-16, with the following  
paragraph:**

A/ The following detailed description illustrates an embodiment of the invention by way  
of example, not by way of limitation of the principles of the invention. Various embodiments  
of the invention will be described by way of illustration with reference to various software  
tools, but it should be understood that other software tools that have comparable capabilities  
of the mentioned tools may be used and other medical device aside from TPEGs may also be  
developed using this invention. In addition, although the invention is discussed in the context  
of prosthesis and specifically endovascular grafts, this is in no way meant to limit the scope  
of the invention.

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